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Saskatoon girl dead in B.C. skiing accident

Tragedy. 12-year-old suffered serious head, internal injuries after colliding with tree at Invermere resort

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

A 12-year-old girl from Saskatoon is dead after losing control and striking a tree while skiing at Panorama Mountain Village in Invermere, B.C.

According to RCMP, the girl was skiing with her father on Panorama's Millennium run on Thursday when she collided with the tree, resulting in serious head and internal injuries.

"Basically the call came in around 10:30 a.m. from Panorama ski mountain that a 12-year-old female skier lost control and was injured severely," Staff Sgt. Marko Shehovac with the Columbia Valley RCMP told Metro Calgary.

"Witnesses in the area went to her aid right away. As a result of her injuries, she was helicoptered directly to Invermere hospital and she was pronounced deceased."

Conditions on the mountain at the time were fair, as visibility was good despite light overcast and light snow, according to RCMP.

A release from Panorama explained that a ski patrol arrived within minutes of the incident and did CPR on the girl before she was taken to a hospital.

Marke Dickson, director of marketing and sales with Panorama Mountain Village, said while operations on the mountain continued as normal, the entire community is saddened by the death.

"There's a shock right through the community," Dickson said.

"It's certainly had a big impact on everyone here."

Steve Paccagnan, Panorama Mountain Village's CEO and president, issued a statement saying, "Our hearts and prayers go out to the family."

His statement added, "We are all deeply saddened by this event and I want to thank the entire Emergency Response Team for their quick response and professionalism.

"They did all they could to save this little girl."

Neither RCMP nor Panorama Mountain Village released the name of the girl. RCMP said the British Columbia coroner's office is in charge of the investigation.

WITH FILES FROM ROBSON FLETCHER IN CALGARY

GOLDEN COMEBACK

Hayley Wickenheiser, originally of Shaunavon, Sask., celebrates after she and the Canadian women's hockey team defeated the United States 3-2 in overtime in the gold-medal match at the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, on Thursday. Olympics coverage, pages 14 & 19-21.

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Woman mourns friend killed in Kyiv protests

Increased unrest.
Province expresses support for pro-democracy movement

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A Ukrainian expatriate in Saskatoon is mourning a family friend who was killed this week in clashes between activists and police in that country's capital city of Kyiv.

"It's horrible, it's devastating and heart-breaking," Nataliia Petryshyn, 24, told Metro on Thursday. "He went to the main square to stand for his rights, for the future of his kids, his family, his town and the whole country to make the situation better in Ukraine."

Her friend, 44-year-old Sergiy Didych, was one of nine people killed on Tuesday in violence that has escalated in Kyiv in recent days. The Saskatchewan government raised the Ukrainian flag outside the Legislative Building in Regina on Thursday as a show of support for the demonstrators and other Ukrainians pushing for democracy.

"Our thoughts and prayers go to the people of Ukraine in this hardship," Gene Makowsky, MLA for Regina Dewdney, said after raising the flag. "We want to see their loss of life stop immediately."

Orest Gawdyda, president of the Regina chapter of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, said he's "happy that our provincial government is recognizing the atrocities."

According to Gawdyda, the world is watching to see how Canada responds to the situation in Ukraine.

Though details on Didych's death are sketchy, a website of the public relations secretariat for Ukraine's national resistance has cited reports from Hromadske.tv journalist Anna Babinets that he suffered "severe head injuries and a mutilated face." Petryshyn said thousands, including her parents and sister, attended his funeral in her hometown of Horodenka.

"He's a hero there," said Petryshyn, who moved to Saskatoon from western Ukraine in 2011 to study at the University of Saskatchewan. "It's so hard for me emotionally," she added. "I just can't stop crying."

For more coverage of Ukraine, see page 12.

– WITH FILES BY SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Nataliia Petryshyn holds a photograph of her friend Sergiy Didych, 44, who was killed in clashes between police and protestors in Kyiv. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Dr. Omar Sultan receives the cheque from Group Medical Services. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Renos planned for pacemaker clinic

Regina General Hospital's pacemaker clinic is getting a facelift after a $500,000 donation from a non-profit group.

Group Medical Services (GMS) presented the cheque to the hospital on Thursday in hopes of better serving the clinic's growing number of patients with cardiac arrhythmia or irregular heartbeat.

"With the prevalence of these disturbances, more individuals are under the impression that there is something that can be done," said Dr. Omar Sultan, director of the pacemaker clinic and electrophysiology laboratory. "This money is going to allow us to ... provide those services that were essentially under-served."

The money will go toward the clinic's expansion, as well as a purchase of a digital eco cardiogram tester and a file management and storage system. According to Sultan, the technology will allow more timely care with digital records instead of paper.

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Snow budget feeling the squeeze

Weather walloping. Regina's manager of winter maintenance expects the tab for seasonal work to hit $6.3M again this year

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Winter road crews are sweeping through Regina for a second time in as many weeks following another storm that has further squeezed city hall's snow-clearing budget.

Crews are in the process of what the city calls a "systematic" plow of more than 500 kilometres of streets after focusing on priority routes such as Ring Road and Lewvan Drive to clean up after Wednesday's storm, which dumped an estimated 13 centimetres of snow on the Saskatchewan capital.

"Throughout the day ... we did have crews out in all areas of the city cycling through our (priority routes)," Chris Warren, manager of winter maintenance with the City of Regina, said on Thursday.

"As of 7 a.m. ... we've started a systematic plow of Category 1, 2, 3 and 4 streets."

This is the sixth such plow this winter, including a clean-up of last week's similarly large deluge.

The city's winter-maintenance budget, according to Warren, is based on "approximately five systematic plows."

Crews performed 10 city-wide plows during last winter's record-shattering snow season, which led the city to run $3.6 million over its $6.3-million budget for the work last year.

Because January was the beginning of a new budget year, it's difficult for the city to determine the effect of this winter's snow removal on its spending in 2014.

Snow-clearing last month cost $1.2 million, Warren noted.

The city has a $3.5-million reserve fund for winter maintenance.

Warren said he expects the winter-maintenance budget for 2014 to also total $6.3 million. City council will finalize the complete budget at a special meeting on Feb. 24.

A small plow machine blasts snow from a sidewalk in northwest Regina after Wednesday's storm. Inset: Winter maintenance manager Chris Warren updates media on the city's snow-clearing strategy. COURTESY CITY OF REGINA; INSET: MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Politico launches Saskatchewan-focused think-tank

Cole Hogan has launched Saskatchewan's newest political think-tank, the Walter Scott Centre. COURTESY COLE HOGAN

A homegrown campaign strategist and speechwriter has opened Saskatchewan's newest political think-tank.

The Walter Scott Centre, named after the province's first premier, is a non-partisan policy research institution dedicated to ensuring Saskatchewan's prosperity.

"We're seeing the need for an independent policy voice in Saskatchewan," Cole Hogan, a Prince Albert native, told Metro.

"(We're going to be) doing policy research and launching public campaigns that keep Saskatchewan leading the national conversation."

The absence of a Saskatchewan-minded think-tank, Hogan said, prompted him to get serious about creating one.

The first issues the group will focus on are economic policy, the digital economy, open data and infrastructure.

The board of directors and the group's members, Hogan explained, will decide on the research focus.

"When you sign up for a membership on the website, you as a member have access to a message board," he said.

"Our members can interact with our board of directors ... and collaborate on policy issues."

According to its website, the centre's core principles are "personal liberty, fiscal responsibility, free markets, environmental stewardship, transparent government, democratic participation and innovation in provincial public policy."

While acknowledging that the think-tank leans to the right, Hogan maintains that it will work with parties across the political spectrum.

"If a political party on the left or the right enacts a policy or puts forward an idea that adheres to our founding principles, we will work with that party." MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

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Trudeau's first convention as leader begins with a glitch

Technical difficulties.
Liberal Leader's rehearsal accidentally broadcast to media; speech says Harper has 'no answers' for economic problems

Justin Trudeau's first national party convention since becoming Liberal leader started with a slight hitch.

A rehearsal of his opening speech was inadvertently broadcast to the media room several hours before he was to officially welcome some 3,000 Liberal delegates to Montreal.

In the speech, Trudeau exhorts delegates to stay tightly focused on the economic challenges facing the middle class, whom he says have watched their incomes stagnate and their household debt balloon while the gap has increased between rich and poor.

He argues that Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has "no answers" to the economic problems that feed fear and anxiety.

And that, he maintains, has helped create the environment in which the Parti Quebecois government has introduced legislation to prohibit public servants from wearing prominent religious symbols.

"In a growing and fair economy, the PQ plan would not only be unrealistic, it would be unthinkable," Trudeau says.

To Canadians outside Quebec, Trudeau says: "I know you worry about how divisions are being stoked in this province these days, how identity politics are generating fear and intolerance. Well, have faith. This idea that diversity is strength has never been a foreign idea here."

To his fellow Quebecers, Trudeau says: "We have spent too long in protest." And he promises to beat back fear with hope. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses his party's policy convention Thursday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

University of Calgary professor Darla Zelenitsky holds a cast of a juvenile pachyrhinosaur skull. Behind her is the 1.5-metre portion of an adult skull she unearthed in Drumheller, Alta. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

Dino-mite! Massive skull unearthed by University of Calgary researchers

Describing their discovery as "gargantuan" both in its literal size and its potential significance, University of Calgary researchers have unveiled a portion of a massive skull of an ancient dinosaur — possibly the largest ever found.

The nearly two-metre long fossil was found in Drumheller, Alta., in October.

They think what they unearthed was one of the largest, if not the largest, skull of a pachyrhinosaur ever found, said Darla Zelenitsky, an assistant professor at the university.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

Fatal confrontation

New indictments for Mounties in Taser perjury case

New indictments have been filed against two Mounties accused of perjury at a public inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death, adding an allegation the officers lied when they testified that they hadn't talked about what happened after his death.

Dziekanski, who was immigrating to Canada from Poland, died on the floor of the Vancouver airport after he was repeatedly stunned with an RCMP Taser in October 2007.

All four RCMP officers involved in the fatal confrontation were charged with one count of perjury. One of them, Const. Bill Bentley, has already been tried and acquitted.

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In this Nov. 8, 2011 photo, a Predator B unmanned aircraft taxis at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas. A U.S. drone strike in Yemen in December may have killed up to a dozen civilians, a human rights group says. ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

U.S. strike may have killed 12 civilians: Report

Yemen. U.S. officials claim those killed were members of al-Qaida

A U.S. military drone strike in Yemen in December may have killed up to a dozen civilians on their way to a wedding and injured others, including the bride, a human rights group says. U.S. officials say only members of al-Qaida were killed, but they have refused to make public the details of two U.S. investigations into the incident.

Human Rights Watch released a report on the drone strike Thursday, citing interviews with eight witnesses and relatives of the dead as well as Yemeni officials. The report said four Hellfire missiles were fired at a wedding procession of 11 vehicles on Dec. 12, 2013, in Radda in southern Yemen, killing at least 12 men and wounding at least 15 others, six of them seriously.

The report said the procession "may have included members" of Yemen's al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, "although it is not clear who they were or what was their fate." Family members and survivors say all those hit were civilians. Yemeni officials told Human Rights Watch that most were militants.

"We asked both the Yemeni and the U.S. authorities to tell us which of the dead and wounded were members of militant groups and which if any were civilians," said report author Letta Tayler, a senior terrorism and counterterrorism researcher at Human Rights Watch. "They did not reply to this question."

Three U.S. officials said the U.S. government did investigate the December strike — twice — and concluded that only members of al-Qaida were killed in the three vehicles that were hit.

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Missouri

State finds supplier for execution drug

Missouri has found a new supplier for an execution drug, days before a convicted killer is scheduled to be put to death, according to a court document filed on behalf of the state attorney general.

Many U.S. states that allow the death penalty are scrambling to find execution drugs. Europe has banned the export of products used for execution and major drug companies refuse to sell to prisons and corrections departments.

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Vienna nuclear talks. Framework in place as negotiations wrap up

Iran and six world powers on Thursday ended nuclear talks with agreement on a framework for future negotiations but little progress on the main issue of what nuclear concessions Tehran must make in exchange for an end to sanctions stifling its economy.

In a joint statement at the end of the three-day talks, officials for both sides said they would meet again in Vienna on March 17, continuing a process likely to take at least six months and probably longer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU High Representative Catherine Ashton speaks to the press after nuclear talks in Vienna, Austria, Thursday. RONALD ZAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former tab editor acquitted of one charge

Phone hacking trial. Former head hack at the defunct News of the World in the U.K. still faces four more charges

Former News of the World editor Rebekah Brooks was acquitted Thursday of one charge at Britain's phone hacking trial as she began her defence against four more.

Her lawyer told jurors that Brooks was "not on trial for having worked for Rupert Murdoch's company."

Judge John Saunders ruled that there was "no case for Mrs. Brooks to answer" to a charge that she illegally paid an official for a picture of Prince William in a bikini. Saunders said "considerable uncertainty" had arisen about the source of the photo.

Brooks and six others are on trial on charges stemming from the revelation that News of the World eavesdropped on voice mails of celebrities, politicians and crime victims.

All seven defendants deny the charges against them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Then and now

"It all seems so silly now."

Former News of the World editor Rebekah Brooks. In pursuit of scoops, she recalled spending up to $250,000 in 1995 to get an interview with the prostitute arrested with actor Hugh Grant.

Rebekah Brooks, former tabloid editor, arrives at court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Embarrassed'

'Pizza Hut and nothing but?' Well, maybe not

A West Virginia pizza restaurant has been shut down after a district manager was caught on surveillance video urinating into a sink.

Pizza Hut Corp. spokesman Doug Terfehr said Wednesday the company was made aware of the video Tuesday and fired the employee shortly thereafter. The restaurant in Kermit, about 140 km southwest of Charleston, was then closed indefinitely.

The video dated Jan. 29 shows the manager urinating in a metal sink in a food preparation area. The incident occurred after business hours.

Terfehr issued a statement saying the company was "embarrassed by the actions of this individual."

The employee's name wasn't released.

"Pizza Hut has zero tolerance for violations of our operating standards," said the statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink up — water, that is

American first lady Michelle Obama is escorted by Rose Cameron, CEO and founder of a line of bottled water targeted to kids and teens, as they view the Taking Back the Streets art exhibit at the New Museum in New York, Thursday. Obama kicked off appearances to celebrate her anti-childhood-obesity and drink water initiatives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oilsands chemicals hit Athabasca River: Environment Canada study

Tailings ponds seepage. Research tracks toxic substances back to tarsands

New federal research strongly backs suspicions that toxic chemicals from Alberta's oilsands tailings ponds are leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River.

Leakage from oilsands tailings ponds, which now cover 176 square kilometres, has long been an issue. Industry has acknowledged that seepage can occur and previous studies have estimated it at 6.5 million litres a day from a single pond.

The soil around the developments contains many chemicals from naturally occurring bitumen deposits and scientists have never been able to separate them from contaminants released by industry.

A tailings pond at the Syncrude oilsands facility near Fort McMurray, Alta., in July, 2012. New federal research has confirmed that water from vast oilsands tailings ponds is leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The current Environment Canada study, accepted for publication in the journal Environmental Science and Technology, used new technology to discover that the mix of chemicals is slightly different between the two sources. That discovery, made using a $1.6-million piece of equipment purchased in 2010 to help answer such questions, allows scientists to actually fingerprint chemicals and trace them back to where they came from. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tracing groundwater

Here's how Environment Canada did its study:

- **Scientists took 20 groundwater samples** at least one kilometre up- and downstream from development.
- **They took seven samples** from within 200 metres and directly from two tailings ponds.
- **Their focus was on so-called acid-extractable organics**, which include a family of chemicals called naphthenic acids.
- **Those toxins were found in groundwater near and far from development.** But their composition was different nearer the mines, closer to that found in the water from the ponds.

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North American Summit. Amigos? Yes, just not that much into one another

From wheels down to wheels up on Air Force One, U.S. President Barack Obama spent about eight hours on Mexican soil for the Three Amigos summit.

For some, it embodies Obama's attitude towards North American summits in general and why the Three Amigos club's been in such decline: Obama is just not into it.

"His cameo appearance at this summit sends a clear message that when it comes to North America, Canada and Mexico are dancers without a dance partner," said Fen Hampson, director of global security for the Waterloo, Ont., Centre for International Governance Innovation.

With the U.S. midterm elections coming up, Obama is boxed in by home politics. The North American Free Trade Agreement, whose 20th anniversary was feted in Toluca, won't get votes, said Hampson.

While heaping praise on his neighbours, Obama also told a business forum in Toluca that the three countries will always have "parochial interests." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks with U.S. President Barack Obama in Toluca, Mexico on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary police. Dog abuse investigation turns to suspicious fundraising

Calgary police say they are no longer looking into a complaint about an abused dog, but will investigate a fundraiser involving the case.

Alyssa Hatfield and her fiancé Cameron Edmonds told police two weeks ago that their husky cross had been taken from their backyard.

Edmonds said that he searched the neighbourhood and found the pet hog-tied and with a belt around its muzzle.

Police say they found unexplained inconsistencies with the complaint, but aren't closing the case.

A total of $1,700 was raised on an online fundraising site for the dog's vet bills.

Animal abuse has been a high-profile issue in Calgary since a cat and starved dog were found dead in an alley with their mouths taped shut.

People donated $72,000 on the same crowd-sourcing site as a reward to find the person responsible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec

Right-to-die bill on life support

Quebec's landmark right-to-die bill is on shaky ground with rumblings of a looming provincial election.

The Parti Québécois government hoped to fast-track a vote on Thursday to pass the bill into law as the legislature breaks for two weeks.

But quick passage of the long-awaited bill didn't come as the Opposition Liberals want to wait another month to continue the debate.

There is widespread speculation the PQ will call an election in the coming weeks setting an April vote.

The bill could die on the order paper if it is not passed before the dissolution of the legislature, expected after the break. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The opossums that Metro reporter Rita Poliakov saw at a breeder's house were smaller than the wild opossum, which is pictured above. ISTOCK

So, you want to buy an opossum

'Other pets.' How one reporter's quest for the perfect marsupial led to an imperfect situation

RITA POLIAKOV
Metro in Toronto

It didn't take long for the baby opossum to escape my grip.

About the size of my palm, it quickly made its way off my hand, around my shirt and onto the couch. After hours of researching the marsupial, I guess I never realized how quick they would be. Or how agile.

I didn't expect to find myself at an opossum breeder's house on a Sunday morning, chatting about cockroach lunches and ferret pellets. But there I was, watching a full-grown opossum cuddle with its owner. He looked downright adorable.

Scouring the web

My journey may have ended at a breeder's an hour away from Toronto, but it began on Kijiji. My goal was to go through the same steps a prospective exotic pet owner might before finding that perfect critter. And for me, that started online.

On Kijiji, lurking in the "other pets" section, I found a wealth of exotic animals — hedgehogs, Bengal cats and pythons, all just a click away. After a bit of Googling, I settled on a Brazilian, short-tailed opossum. And then I looked up Toronto's animal bylaws.

Opossums, it turns out, are in the prohibited animals list, right in between kangaroos and wallabies.

"Part of the reason for the exotic animal bylaw is these animals need quite a lot of specialized care," said Mary Lou Leiher of Toronto Animal Services. "Opossums, they're still wild animals. They're just being socialized.... That doesn't make them domesticated. Wild animals have different brain chemistry and should be left in the wild."

If I'm caught with an opossum, animal services would try to get me to give up my pet voluntarily. Otherwise, I could get charged and saddled with a fine as high as $5,000.

'They're actually illegal'

"Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab."

Providing the essentials

Trying to keep my opossum obsession on the down low, I started looking at care options. The breeder suggested using a plastic storage container with mesh on top where the lid would be instead of a cage. The opossum's diet would be a little bit more complicated. Opossums need lots of variety, including ferret food, insects and baby food.

My next step was to talk to someone with experience. Richard Johnstone is an exotic animal science instructor at Sheridan College in Toronto. When living in Australia, Johnstone took in a baby possum (not to be confused with the North American opossum).

"It was delightful. I would bring home all kinds of eucalyptus. She'd sit on the back of the couch and chew them. She was quite sweet," he said.

But when the possum got to adulthood, Johnstone released her. According to the instructor, mature possums can get aggressive when their hormones kick in.

Finding a vet

Armed with information, a hypothetical storage container and lots of cockroaches (also hypothetical), my last step was to find a vet. Which proved to be my downfall.

The Links Road Animal Clinic in Toronto treats all kinds of exotic animals. But Dr. Evan Mavromatis hasn't seen many opossums.

"They're actually illegal," he was quick to tell me. Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab.

Still, if not for animal bylaws, I think I'd enjoy owning a cuddly, agile marsupial. You know, hypothetically speaking.

Metro reporter Rita Poliakov initially wanted to research buying a Fennec fox, shown here, but YouTube videos showcasing the animal's astonishingly high energy level convinced her to look for something else.

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Day 3: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Online.** Read about Jagger, a serval cat who lives in a Regina suburb; escape the clutch of a Burmese python; and hear what the Ikea monkey's mom has to say about having wild friends.

That's not really a pet, is it?

Ranking No. 1 on Animal Planet's Top 10 Peculiar Pets list was none other than the Madagascar hissing cockroach (which produces a hissing sound when air travels through respiratory openings on the abdomen). These roaches could make ideal pets for those living in small dwellings, as the creatures only need a small enclosure with places to hide and sticks to climb. They're also suitable for exotic-animal owners who are on a budget. The insects eat fresh vegetables with dry pellet food that's high in protein. METRO

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Jabba the Hut, or the face of cold-blooded danger? Read below to find out why this African bullfrog named Jeremiah can be a tricky pet. CONTRIBUTED

A soft spot for cold-blooded creatures *

From slithering serpents to creepy crawlies, Valerie Williams' vast array of cold-blooded pets would make even the bravest person cringe. But Williams wasn't nicknamed the Snake Lady for nothing.

Turning 80 this March, she has been all over Ontario educating adults and kids about reptiles, amphibians and insects since 1969. "A lot of people are scared of cold-blooded animals and often overlook how important they are," said Williams, who lives in London, Ont..

In every presentation, she likes reminding her audience about how useful these creatures are in the wild as they perform essential tasks like breaking down plant material to make new soil.

Williams' fascination for cold-blooded animals started when she was a young girl in her native England. At four years old, she was given her first pet snake. "My dad was an environmentalist and he'll just give me pets to take care of so I really appreciated them early on and was never really scared," she said.

Several decades after, Williams' interest has shown no signs of waning. She now keeps 20 rodent-eating snakes from ball pythons and king snakes to milk snakes and her favourite, corn snakes, which grow up to five feet and come in every colour except blue. "They're all extremely well-behaved," Williams said. "I will never do a show with an animal I don't personally know."

SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

* Surprisingly, snakes aren't the most dangerous cold-blooded pets Valerie Williams owns. That title goes to her African bullfrog, Jeremiah. "He bites just because he feels like it," Williams said. "His kind attacks snakes and will even latch onto lions when they come down to drink in the watering hole." To see how sharp an African bullfrog's teeth are, search for "African bullfrog Erindi Private Game Reserve" on YouTube.

Having trouble with your pet fox? Help's a click away

Online support. Exotic animal owners can turn to Internet forums when they're having problems

ANDREW FIFIELD
Metro in Toronto

You become responsible forever, for what you have tamed.

That quote from French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry has become a mantra for exotic pet owners, but a dedicated Internet community is happy to help newbies shoulder that responsibility.

"Sadly, there are quite a few people who do not get the support they need," says Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den, a rich resource for new and prospective owners. "Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

A stressed animal makes for an unhappy pet, and an unhappy pet can be a destructive force, overwhelming new owners who worry they may have bitten off more than they can chew and marking a point where a helpful community becomes invaluable.

Fable's early days were trying for his owner, Ash Whatcott, but a little help from her online friends went a long way. CONTRIBUTED

According to Whatcott, animals that spend their early days sharing a home are unlikely to find a happier habitat after proving too much for their owners. Many end up in hands-off sanctuaries, which can be difficult for animals used to human contact. Others can end up being euthanized.

Whatcott herself was among the potentially overwhelmed owners after first adopting her red fox, Fable. Foxes are notoriously energetic and clever, traits that can get out of hand for an unprepared owner. Wrestling with red fox red tape such as securing the proper permits can also be daunting.

And though the help provided at Sybil's Den was a huge assist in the early days, the window for potential complications stays open.

"This past fall, I ran into difficulties when Fable's temperament unexpectedly changed," says Whatcott. "By speaking with other members I learned what to do to correct the situation and now Fable is back to his playful, loving self.

"If not for the community, I'm not sure I ever would have seen that cute little white-tipped tail wag again."

Quoted

"Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

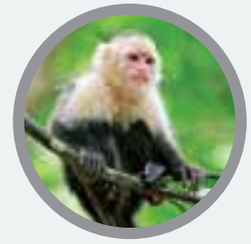
Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den

Which famous guy owned an anteater?

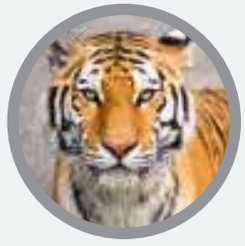
Mike Tyson, Vanilla Ice, Nicolas Cage, Justin Bieber, Salvador Dali and Michael Jackson are just some of the celebrities who've kept exotic pets. Guess which one owned which critter. (Answers below.)

Anteater

Octopus



Capuchin monkey



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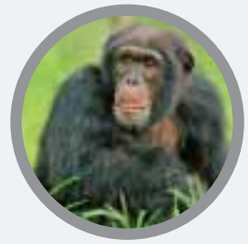

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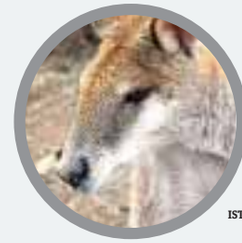

Wallaroo

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Answers: Salvador Dali = anteater, Nicolas Cage = octopus, Vanilla Ice = wallaroo, Justin Bieber = capuchin monkey, Mike Tyson = tiger, Michael Jackson = chimpanzee

Activists evacuate a wounded protester during clashes with police in Kyiv's Independence Square in Ukraine on Thursday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

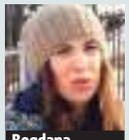
Sochi

Skier drops out of race

A Ukrainian skier has withdrawn from the Olympics to protest the deaths of anti-government protesters in her country.

"I don't want to participate when in my country people die," said Bogdana Matsotska.

The 24-year-old skier is refusing to ski in Friday's slalom, her third and best event at the Sochi Olympics.



Bogdana Matsotska

Matsotska says Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovych "has to be jailed, and for a long time ... for all the lives that he took." She adds, "I hope that I will be heard by the world."

Matsotska wants to join protesters in Kyiv but has been unable to book a flight home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People pass through Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Fierce clashes between police and protesters shattered a brief truce in Ukraine's besieged capital, killing numerous people. The deaths came in a new eruption of violence just hours after the country's embattled president and opposition leaders called for a truce to try to resolve Ukraine's political crisis. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The truce is over: Deadliest day yet in Kyiv protests

Fierce clashes. Medic says scores killed and hundreds wounded in Ukraine's capital

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters tossed firebombs and advanced on police lines Thursday in Ukraine's embattled capital. Government snipers shot back, killing at least 70 people and wounding hundreds of others, according to medic Dr. Oleh Musiy.

Video footage on Ukrainian television showed shocking scenes Thursday of protesters being cut down by gunfire, lying on the pavement as comrades rushed to their aid. Trying to protect themselves with shields, teams of protesters carried bodies away on sheets of plastic or planks of wood.

"The price of freedom is too high but Ukrainians are paying it," said Viktor Danilyuk, a 30-year-old protester. "We have no choice, the government isn't hearing us."

Protesters were also seen leading policemen with their hands held high around the sprawling protest camp in central Kyiv. Ukraine's Interior Ministry says 67 police were captured in all.

President Viktor Yanukovych and the opposition protesters who are demanding his resignation are locked in an epic battle over the identity of Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that has divided loyalties between Russia and the West. Parts of the country — mostly in its western cities — are in open revolt against Yanukovych's central government, while many in eastern Ukraine back the president and favour strong ties with Russia, their former Soviet ruler.

Protesters across the country are also upset over corruption in Ukraine, the lack of democratic rights and the country's ailing economy, which just barely avoided bankruptcy with a $15 billion loan from Russia.

At least 101 people have died this week in the clashes in Kyiv, according to protesters and Ukrainian authorities, a sharp reversal in three months of mostly peaceful protests. Now neither side appears willing to compromise or in control of the streets. The opposition is insisting on Yanukovych's resignation and an early election while the embattled president is apparently prepared to fight until the end.

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Canada's reaction

Feds extend travel ban, promise sanctions

Canada is extending its travel ban to cover more senior officials of the Ukrainian government and is promising economic sanctions as well.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians continue to be outraged by the violence in the Ukrainian capital.

Last month, the Canadian government imposed a travel ban on some officials and promised medical aid for protesters.

There were no immediate specifics of the wider travel ban, nor did Harper's statement provide details of the planned sanctions.

He does say, however, that even tougher measures are being considered.

He is urging the hardline government of President Viktor Yanukovych to stop the violence that has rocked the streets of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv.

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Beginning of the end of door-to-door mail delivery starts

The walking dead. Bid adieu to your postie, as 11 centres kick off move to community boxes

Eleven centres will start collecting mail at community boxes this fall as Canada Post begins its move to end door-to-door delivery.

It's the first stage of a five-year plan announced in December and will involve about 100,000 addresses.

Canada Post says that in large cities during this phase, only a few neighbourhoods will be affected, and delivery will continue to businesses.

In the smaller municipalities, nearly all households and a higher proportion of businesses will move to community mailboxes.

Canada Post says these neighbourhoods are near areas that already have community mailboxes, so the infrastructure is already in place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Affected communities

The 11 communities and the approximate number of affected addresses are:

- **Alberta.** Some neighbourhoods in Calgary (Postal codes start with T2B, T3J) (10,450 addresses) and Fort McMurray (8,450 addresses)
- **Manitoba.** Some neighbourhoods in Winnipeg (Postal codes start with R2P, R2V) (12,500 addresses)
- **Ontario.** Oakville (26,400 addresses.) Neighbourhoods in Kanata, near Ottawa (Postal codes start with K2K, K2L, K2M) (7,900 addresses)
- **Quebec.** Rosemère (3,350 addresses); Lorraine(2,550 addresses); Bois-des-Filion (2,750 addresses); Charlemagne (1,300 addresses); Repentigny (14,400 addresses)
- **Nova Scotia.** Halifax neighbourhoods in the Lower Sackville and Bedford areas (Postal codes start with B4A, B4B, B4C, B4E, B4G) (9,950 addresses).

Cold stone failure: Timmie's puts creamery out of misery

A pedestrian walks past a Tim Hortons location with a Cold Stone Creamery in Toronto on Thursday. Tim Hortons has announced it's pulling the plug on its deluxe ice cream shops, a decision that cost the company about $19 million in the fourth quarter. The partnership with the American dairy chain, which began in 2009, will continue in the Tim Hortons locations in the United States. TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fresh style abroad

Canada's Joe Fresh going global

Grocery giant Loblaw Companies Ltd. is bringing its Joe Fresh discount clothing line overseas in a major expansion that will target fashionistas in key growth markets like the Middle East and North Africa. Loblaw said the rollout includes the addition of up to 141 Joe Fresh stores in 23 countries over the next four years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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GOLD
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Do you want to maintain your eyesight?
Protect yourself against cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.
The leading cause of blindness in older people is age-related macular degeneration (AMD), which results in the loss of central vision and the ability to see fine details. AMD is primarily triggered by a lifetime of free-radical damage, so the best way to protect your eyes is to make sure they have an abundant supply of targeted antioxidants.
Cataracts are another common problem associated with aging. More than half of all North Americans in their 80s either have cataracts or have had surgery to replace the clouded lens. Not surprisingly, the same nutrients that protect against AMD have also been shown to help stave off cataracts.
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CURLING GETS A BIT NUTTY

THE METRO LIST

Paul Sullivan
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The world's most bizarre Olympics (and that's saying something) are cruising to a climax in Sochi this week, so it's only natural that all the follies are trending on social media.

1 **The aim: to land the walnut in the centre of the nest.** Perhaps the funniest video ever made. The BBC is responsible for running a video of the U.K. and U.S. Olympic women's curling match over a soundtrack of David Attenborough, in full plummy upper-crust roar, describing the mating ritual of some kind of exotic critter, while curlers point, sweep, curl the "walnut," and exhort each other strenuously. The walnut gets to be the rock. Curling finally makes some kind of sense.

2 **Pound sand.** Former Canadian Olympic chief Dick Pound gets a giggle on Twitter every time he's mentioned at Sochi merely because of his name. Somehow this guy managed to spend the last 50 years as a dedicated servant of amateur sport and as the world's foremost anti-doping crusader, only to trend on Twitter in his latter days because he's got a name that's more suited to a Sochi Tinder account.

3 **And the gold medal for protesting at Sochi goes to...** Pussy Riot. I'm not saying they went out of their way to get beaten up, but for sheer, er, punch, the YouTube video of the women of the Russian protest rock group getting beaten and whipped (yes, whipped) by members of the Cossack militia in front of the Sochi hoarding that surrounds the Olympic site is probably the most effective statement made against the whole fiasco. Their offence? Singing, "Putin will teach you how to love the motherland." OK, so it's not the song of the Volga Boatmen, but whipped?

4 **Got a problem with that?** The Sochi Games are plagued by so many problems @Sochi2014 still doesn't have as many followers as @SochiProblems. Not even close: 263,000 for the former to 340,000 for the problems. The Russian-language problems site has an additional 171,000. D'oh! Or is that da!?

5 **Meanwhile, over at the Shanghai Games.** Not all the action is in Sochi. If you want see a real Olympian effort, how about two guys climbing the tallest building in China, the second tallest in the world, at 121 storeys and 632 metres? The hardest part? Once they got to the top, they have to look down.

6 **Put down the phone. Step away from the table.** French chefs are notorious prima donnas. But it's hard to argue with their latest source of outrage. Before they savour the savoury, diners are getting in the habit of documenting their meal and uploading the image to social media. "There is a time and place for everything," declares Alexandre Gauthier, chef of the Grenouillere in La Madelaine-sous-Montreuil. Not only that, it's bordering on gastronomic espionage. That will be 50 euros for the duck and 10 for the residuals. Or is that leftovers?

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Remembering a teammate

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Canada's Nik Zoricic honoured by team

Canada's Christopher Delbosco, left, flies through the air during the eighth final of the men's ski cross at the Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia on Thursday.

Members of the Canadian ski cross team, who would normally be dressed head-to-toe in red and white, designed denim-looking ski pants for their Olympic race in honour of Nik Zoricic, who died after an accident on the ski cross course in March 2012.

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Denim makes a real statement in Sochi

When Toronto's Nik Zoricic began his ski cross career, he didn't have the right pants, so he wore blue jeans to the mountain.

Zoricic crashed through safety nets in a World Cup event, suffered severe head injuries and died in Grindelwald, Switzerland. Two months earlier, Canadian free skier Sarah Burke died in a training accident.

Canada's Brady Leman finished fourth Thursday in ski cross finals. France took all the medals.

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GETTY IMAGES

Looking for a cheap drink? Craving your favourite brew? Use your phone's geo-location tracking to find booze and deals. Drink responsibly!

DrinkOwl:

This free app maps out drink specials and happy hours in your city. It also lists the hours of all alcohol stores in every province. Works on iOS, Android and BlackBerry.

Findmytap:

This free app shows you which beer nearby watering holes carry. Use your iOS or Android to search for your favourite pint.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Some French restauranteurs want to eliminate food porn by banning smartphones while dining. Where would you ban smartphones?

@YvezBourgoin: movie theatres and concerts getting out of hand!

@5gatos: dislike all this "banning" how about ask your patrons nicely? Explain your views. #enoughrules

@jennifercw015: I agree with the restaurant and I would add a movie theatre or ordering anything from a customer service agent

@ramosjcr: ya okay, now we can't have smart phones in restaurants! Not going to happen! Instead they should embrace it!

@dansgoodside: I'd ban them around my own dinner table so that my friends would actually pay attention to me!

@Zaedum: Smartphones are a part of the world and entered us into an age of connectivity. They shouldn't be banned anywhere, except planes

@scottmahoney94: Line ups in fast food restaurants while ordering

@insideoutsidemk: if I'm paying for the dish why can I not photograph it! Pro iphone! I wouldn't pay to go to said establishment

@ammarxghori: thats so stupid LOL food porn = public interest in the food via social media = more popularity/customers/interest

@_Escape_Artist: public places where it may be a negative distraction to both users and others. Theatres (of all kinds) especially

@Canucklehead_ca: Brett Farve's possession. (See also: US Senators.)

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Synopsis

Set in the shadow of the gurgling volcano Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii stars Game of Thrones heart-throb Kit Harington as the muscle-bound Milo. His tribe, including his entire family, was wiped out by the vicious Roman Senator Corvus (Kiefer Sutherland) dooming him to a lonely life of servitude under the thumb of Roman masters. Years later as a gladiator in Pompeii's coliseum he sees a way to exact revenge and save Cassia (Emily Browning), the most beautiful girl in the lush resort town. As warriors Milo and Atticus (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) battle Roman soldiers in the coliseum, the volcano erupts, causing havoc. Will Milo get vengeance and save Cassia before a rolling mountain of lava and ash covers the city?

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Pompeii opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Plenty of molten cheese

Pompeii. The volcano is the only actor in this film that shows any kind of fire and spark

Richard: Mark, the spirit of Steve Reeves lives on. If you aren't familiar with Mr. Reeves' oeuvre, he was Hercules before Kevin Sorbo, a legend of beefcake historical drama movies. His movies were all about bulging muscles, swinging swords and damsels in revealing togas. Which brings me to the spiritual cousin to the Reeves movies — Pompeii — which adds spewing lava, but not much else to the sword and sandal genre. Physically, Jason Statham sound-a-like Harrington is up to the heroic Reeves role but is slowed down by the thick layer of molten cheese that covers almost every frame of this film.

Mark: Richard, the movie reminded me of Titanic, but not in a good way. It's 90 minutes of derivative and irrelevant narrative, a love story between an upper class woman and a commoner, followed by a half hour of the special effects you came to see in the first place. Harrington is fine, but it doesn't matter. The real star is the volcano, and unfortunately, it has the best lines. The gladiator plotline is inferior to other films in the same genre, although I thought the 20 slaves versus 20 centurions scene was handled with great verve.

RC: It does take too long for Mount Vesuvius to blow its top — complete with flying lava meteorites — and when it does, the special effects aren't quite as spectacular as you might hope from a CGI extravaganza. On top of that is muddy-looking 3D. The film overall is dark as though the whole thing was shot through a cloud of volcanic ash. Having said that, I didn't think the volcano had all the best lines. I got a kick out of a prison guard loudly waking up the jailed gladiators by shouting, "Wake up, scum!"

MB: Oh. I thought he was shouting that to the audience. And poor Kiefer Sutherland, given a cardboard role in a papier-mâché film. I kept expecting him to look at the volcano and shout, "We're running out of time!" What I think I would have liked was a drama that showed a cross section of Pompeii life all too tragically snuffed out by the erupting volcano. But maybe that would have been Pompous.

RC: Ha! I felt that when slave trader Graecus said, "You dragged me from a perfectly good brothel for this?" he was speaking directly to me.

MB: Unfortunately the movie didn't speak to me in any way, shape or form.

Seeing Paris through a gun barrel

3 Days to Kill. Touring the City of Light in car chases, dressed in stilettos and latex, was a wild ride for Amber Heard

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Amber Heard has a ball playing Vivi, the trigger-happy, unsympathetic boss to Kevin Costner's retirement-age operative in 3 Days to Kill. Vivi is all deadpan one-liners, stilettos and gun-play, something right out of the imagination of Luc Besson. Which makes sense, since the French filmmaker conceived of the story and co-wrote the script. But Heard's character's high-ranking position in the CIA came as something of a surprise to the actress, as it's something she didn't find out about until after she'd finished filming.

Amber Heard is the stiletto-wearing trigger-happy boss in Three Days to Kill, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

This doesn't seem too bad, as far as work goes.

I'll tell you what isn't bad: Driving through the streets of Paris, shooting a gun out of the window while Kevin Costner tries to steer for you, or getting in a fist fight with a stripper in front of [director] McG's cameras. I had this incredible heightened reality that I had to exist in — I'm basically in a latex suit, full corset, a gun on my hip, shooting another gun with my free hand, wearing a platinum blonde wig and red lipstick, and this is right before I jump out of the car and assassinate a gangster. I look over and I see the Arc de Triomphe or the Eiffel Tower and I'm in a gunfight — it was a very interesting way to see Paris that I didn't quite get from the tour bus.

Your character is in a very Luc Besson world, which just seems like a fun place to be.

Yeah, that was straight out of Luc Besson's head. There's something very liberating about playing a character that has no respect for the rules and the physical laws and the social norms that the rest of us are bound by. McG is a lot like Vivi in the fact that he's not really bound by the same standards or stereotypes or rules or expectations that other people are. He was fine having this dynamic of a younger woman like myself being the overbearing boss in ways — almost a sadistic boss — to Kevin Costner's character. And normally you don't see that dynamic. You would see younger girl and a man like Kevin and you would imagine the dynamic be a romantic one or paternal, one of the two. You don't expect this relationship. I liked that.

In keeping with that Luc Besson world, you had some pretty impressive costumes. Any particular favourites?

None of them were my favourite, I'll just put it that way. None of the wardrobe was fun to wear. What wasn't fine was wearing a latex dress in the dead of winter in Paris in heels running through cobblestone streets.

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com.

Ratings: *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:* +

Thriller

3 Days to Kill

Director. McG

Stars. Kevin Costner, Amber Heard

In this heart pounding action-thriller, Kevin Costner is a dangerous international spy, who is determined to give up his high stakes life to finally build a closer relationship with his estranged wife and daughter, whom he's previously kept at arm's length to keep out of danger. But first, he must complete one last mission.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet
Audience: + 95 %

God is dead? Maybe in some parts, but not at the movie theatre box office

With a number of Biblical-themed films slated for release in 2014, religious films are back in vogue a decade after Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ earned $611 million and became the highest grossing non-English language film.

In a time when religion is on the wane in North America, religious movies seem to still have box office draw and studios are readily throwing money behind them. John Pungente, director of the Jesuit Communication Project in Toronto, says studios continue to make them for one big reason. "Money. Studios are taking a leap of faith that films with religious figures as super heroes who save the world will bring in big money like The Passion of the Christ."

Last year's most watched TV cable miniseries, The Bible, from devout Christians Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, averaged 11.4 million viewers per episode and became the top-selling DVD miniseries ever — 525,000 copies were sold in the first week. Burnett made the series over strenuous objections in Hollywood.

Downey and Burnett's feature film on the life of Christ, Son of God is in theatres next week and Darren Aronofsky's Noah with Russell Crowe and Exodus, Ridley Scott's biblical epic starring Christian Bale as Moses are also due out this year.

Next year, we'll see Ang Lee's Gods and Kings, currently in development, and Mary (Mother of Christ) with Odeya Rush, Ben Kingsley and the late Peter O'Toole. All are big budget special effects epics.

Burnett, best known for his pioneering work in reality TV, says producing religious content is more than just a money maker. "This is for billions of people the most important story in their lives," he says.

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National Theatre Live: Coriolanus - Encore (STC) Sat 12:30
National Theatre Live: War Horse (STC) Thu 7
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Captain Phillips (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:50
Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:45-7-9:15
Her (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:40-9:05
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-7:10
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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Empathetic Franco worried about the shape Shia is in

Well, this was inevitable. As Shia LaBeouf contends with responses to his "performance art" piece from last week, #IAMSORRY, fellow actor and high-brow aspirant James Franco has taken to the New York Times Op-Ed page to voice his opinion on the matter. "Though the wisdom of some of his actions may seem questionable, as an actor and artist I'm inclined to take an empathetic view of his conduct," Franco writes. "This behaviour could be a sign of many things, from a nervous breakdown to mere youthful recklessness. For Mr. LaBeouf's sake I hope it is nothing serious." Franco recounts his own decision to join the daytime soap opera General Hospital, as a means "to undermine the tacit —or not so tacit — hierarchy of entertainment," before concluding: "I think Mr. LaBeouf's project, if it is a project, is a worthy one. I just hope that he is careful not to use up all the good will he has gained as an actor in order to show us that he is an artist."

Posh ready to Spice up middle-class fashion

Posh Spice is getting decidedly less posh, all in the name of brand expansion. Victoria Beckham is reportedly going to start making clothes for the common folk, according to Radar Online. "Victoria has decided to branch her label out of its very upmarket roots," a source says. "She'll finally be able to crack the mid-range department store market that has made millions for stars like Jessica Simpson." Yes, but will she be able to look at herself in the mirror? "It took Victoria a while because she can be so stuck up about everything," the source explains. "But she's finally admitted to herself and her team that she'd like to conquer a store such as Macy's and not just be known for high-end clothing."

Victoria Beckham

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In an interview with Metro last year, Beckham acknowledged that her role as a fashion designer is to "empower" women. "I'm proud of what I've achieved with my team and with how my business is growing," she told us. "I'm glad that I can make women feel empowered. Because that's ultimately why I do what I do."

Twitter

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I like to play a game in macrobiotic restaurants. It's called "homeless socialist or Patti Smith?"

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That preacher who died when the snake he was handling bit him? Combines the 2 things I hate most in life: religion and prop comedy

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Nothing's on.

'Heart-broken' Gomez puts a target on Miley's back

Selena Gomez is apparently out for blood after hearing about Miley Cyrus' rumoured hook-up with Justin Bieber — and she's bringing in backup. According to Life & Style, Gomez has enlisted the help of pals Taylor Swift and Demi Lovato to enact her revenge. "All four girls used to be friendly, but when Selena heard Miley started making moves on Justin, it went downhill," a source says. "Both Taylor and Demi know how heartbroken Selena has been, and they hate what Miley did to her."

Selena Gomez

Gomez's camp has reportedly started freezing Cyrus out of lucrative appearances and "trash-talking" her to anyone who will listen around Hollywood, while Cyrus herself is said to be taking steps to keep her distance. "She checks in with club owners and event planners to make sure those girls won't be around," a source says.

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Those good rumours about 'lovely' Lawrence are true

All the reports about Jennifer Lawrence being completely down-to-earth and relatable are apparently on the up and up. Clarista Hoult, sister to Lawrence's boyfriend Nicholas Hoult, tells Heat magazine that the Oscar-winner is "lovely" and "really easy to talk to" in real life. "She doesn't seem like a Hollywood type. She just (fits) in," Clarista tells the magazine. "We didn't talk about work. We talked about what was on the TV."

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Looking for a savoury and a sweet to put on the table pronto? Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how with recipes from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

Stir-fried shrimp fill out an omelette nicely

FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE
Donna Hay
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Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons grated ginger
- 1 long red chilli, finely sliced
- 4 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 10 large green (raw) prawns (shrimp), peeled and cleaned
- 4 cups cooked jasmine rice
- soy and chilli sauces, to serve

1. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat.

2. Add half the sesame oil and half the egg and swirl to coat the pan.

3. Cook for 1 minute or until the egg has set. Remove from pan, set aside and repeat with remaining egg and oil.

4. Heat the frying pan over high heat. Add the vegetable oil, ginger, chilli and onion and cook for 1 minute.

5. Add the prawns and cook for 3 minutes.

6. Add the rice and cook for 2–3 minutes or until warmed through.

7. Place the omelettes on serving plates and spoon over the rice mixture.

8. Drizzle with soy and chilli sauces to serve.

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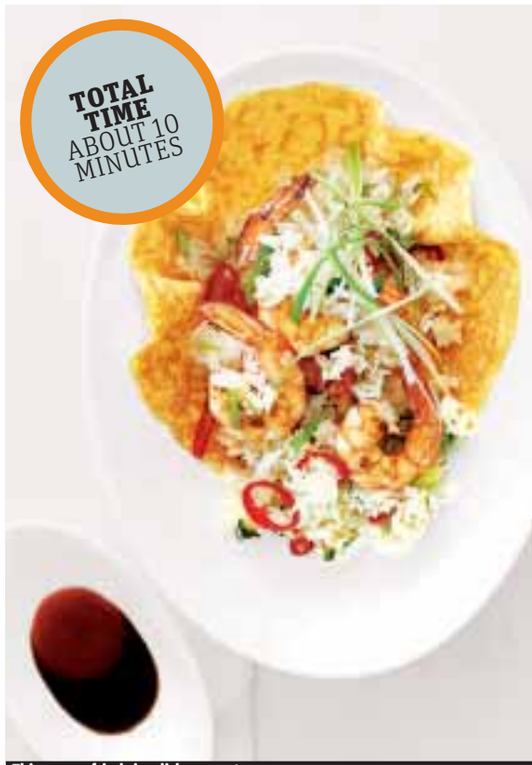

This prawn-fried rice dish serves two. DONNA HAY

How the peach crumbles

This galette serves 4. DONNA HAY

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1. Preheat oven to 200°C (400°F). Roll out pastry between 2 sheets of non-stick baking paper into a rough round about 5 mm thick.

2. Place the pastry on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper. Spread the pastry with the jam leaving a 5 cm border. Top the jam with the peaches. Fold over the pastry to form a rim.

3. To make the crumble topping, combine the butter, almonds, flour, sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle in clumps over the top of the peaches.

Ingredients

- 350 g store-bought or homemade sweet shortcrust pastry
- 3 tablespoons apricot jam
- 3 peaches, sliced
- vanilla ice cream, to serve

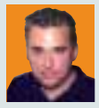
Crumble topping

- 40 g butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, finely chopped
- ¼ cup (35g) plain (all-purpose) flour
- 2 tablespoons caster (superfine) sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

4. Bake for 25 minutes or until pastry and the crumble top are golden. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

Liquid Assets

Take out a Rhône



LIQUID ASSETS
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With French wines on the comeback trail, one region in particular has found a place in the hearts and mouths of wine lovers.

Though the Rhône valley may not be as flashy as Bordeaux and Champagne or as mysterious as Burgundy, its wines are a classic combination of Old World charm and New World drinkability.

Located in southern France, the valley is divided into two parts. In the north the wines get their fuller flavours thanks to the dominance of the syrah grape. The lighter wines in the south are ruled by grenache, which has a major influence on the region's most famous wine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Père Anselme's 2011 La Fiole Côtes-du-Rhône ($14.99 - $18.99) is 85 per cent grenache, and its smooth blend of blackcurrant, licorice and bright berry fruit comes wrapped in Anselme's famous crooked bottle.

A Côtes-du-Rhône is one of the few reds I think pairs well with a meaty bowl of chili. Try it with winter stews, sausage-based dishes and roast turkey dinners as well.

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Red, white and gold

Women's hockey. Wickenheiser's 88-year-old grandfather predicted Canadian comeback

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Team Canada celebrates its overtime win in the women's gold-medal hockey game in front of Anne Schleper of the U.S. on Thursday in Sochi, Russia. Canada won 3-2. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Eberts was feeling a little rough on Thursday morning, but that changed when his granddaughter and Shaunavon, Sask., native Hayley Wickenheiser won her fourth Olympic hockey gold medal.

"I had a headache for most of the day and I wasn't feeling too great, but I'm feeling a lot better now," Eberts, 88, said minutes after watching on television at his home in Lumsden, Sask., as the 3-2 overtime thriller ended at the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Eberts said he had never lost hope, even when Canada entered the third period down by two goals.

"I predicted that they were going to tie it up and that we were going to have some overtime," he said, sounding surprised that his prediction had come true.

Team Canada forward Brianne Jenner of Oakville, Ont., scored Canada's first goal of the game late in the third frame, before forward Marie-Philip Poulin of Quebec City added two goals — the equalizer in the last minute of regulation time, and the overtime power-play marker.

"It was a hard game," Wickenheiser said. "We came back, we never quit and we believed in ourselves."

Eberts added that he isn't surprised that his granddaughter has excelled in the sport she loves.

"She really worked at it," he said. "She really was dedicated as far as keeping in shape and wanting to play hockey, right from the time she was six years of age."

As for a post-championship celebration for himself, Eberts noted that a sip of rum might be in order.

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"We were very calm, regardless of the score."

Shaunavon, Sask., native Hayley Wickenheiser

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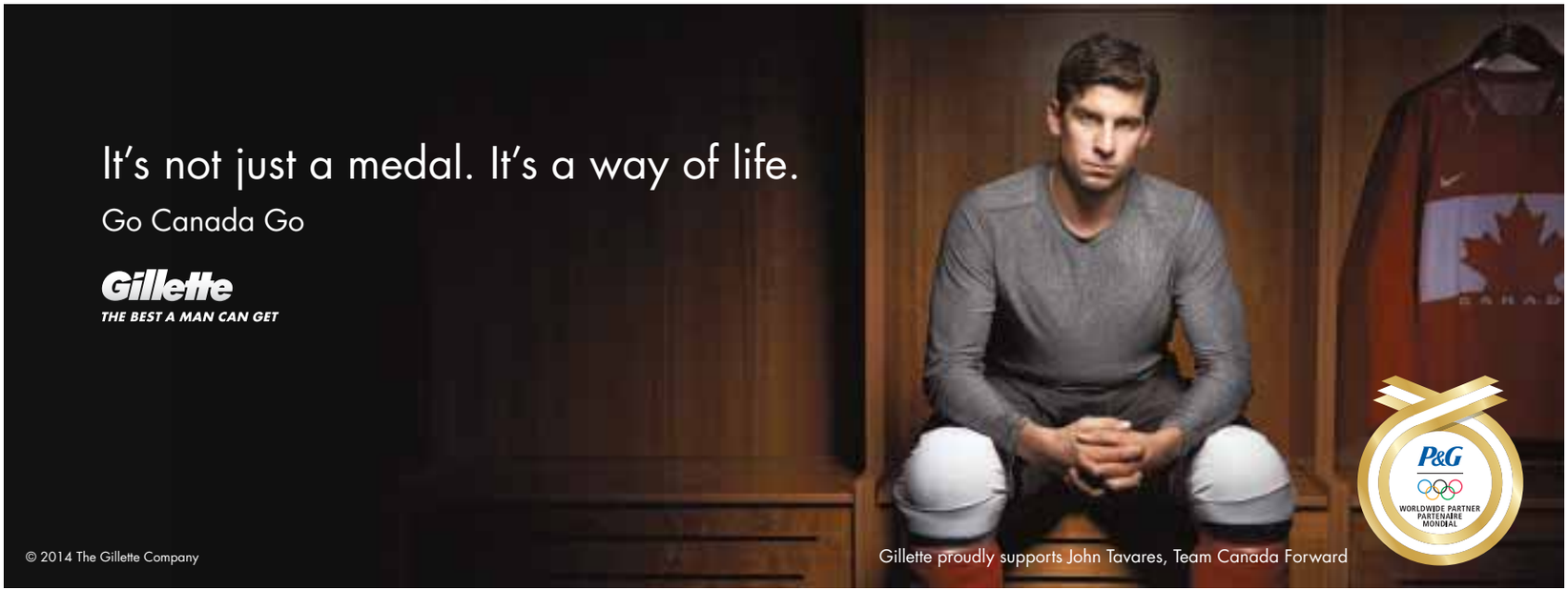
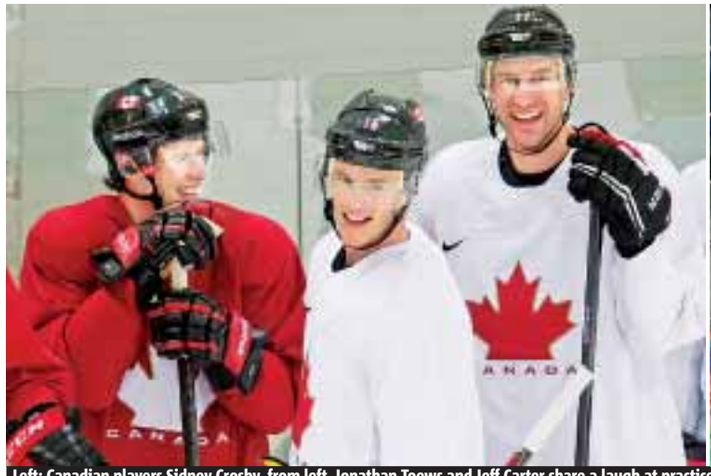


It's the semifinal countdown

Deh-neh-neh-neh, deh-neh-neh-neh-neh... Rematch the hockey world's been waiting for promises to settle a few scores



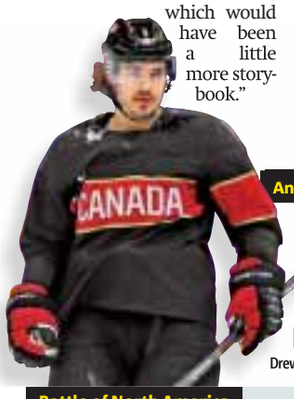
Left: Canadian players Sidney Crosby, from left, Jonathan Toews and Jeff Carter share a laugh at practice on Thursday in Sochi. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS
Right: Phil Kessel has been stellar for the Americans, scoring five goals while playing with Zach Parise. PETR DAVID JOSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 19,000 kilometres separate Vancouver and Sochi, and four years have passed since Sidney Crosby scored his golden goal.

Team Canada and the United States meet again at the Olympics on Friday, but almost everything — from the size of the rink to the expectations and the stage — has changed since their last meeting at the 2010 Games.

Most importantly, it's not for the gold medal but rather a spot in the final.

"It seems like we were on a crash course to meet those guys," U.S. centre David Backes said. "And we get them in the semifinal instead of the final, which would have been a little more storybook."



Another gear?

"Against a North American team, I think this is where we really pick it up and show how we can score."
Drew Doughty

Throw out the storybook and throw out history. Based strictly on a tournament the Americans have rolled through, they look like the favourites against Canada for the first time at the Olympics since NHL players began participating.

Only Backes and his U.S. teammates are embracing the underdog role and trying to deflate high expectations, while Drew Doughty and Canada want to pump themselves up.

"We don't see ourselves as the underdog," Doughty said. "I think both teams are really evenly matched. I don't know who I would give the upper hand to at this point. But I'm obviously more confident in my team than theirs."

Confidence was brimming from both sides a day before meeting with a chance to clinch a spot in the gold-medal game against Sweden or Finland.

It's easy to see where it's coming from for the Americans, who have outscored opponents 20-6 through four games. While Canadian coach Mike Babcock pointed out that it has been "easy" for the U.S. to score, mostly against Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, Backes doesn't see it that way.

"I don't think it's come easy at all, we've had to work for everything we've gotten, second chances, rebounds, dirty goals," he said. "Everything we've gotten we've worked for and we plan to work for everything we're going to get in the future."

U.S. coach Dan Bylsma said there's no "secret" to what his team has done to lead the tournament in scoring. The win over Russia featured two power-play goals, and the rest of the production has been spread around, whether it be Phil Kessel's five goals in pretty fashion or Dustin Brown's two with some grease on them.

Still, Bylsma doesn't want his team to try to go chance-for-chance with the deep Canadians.

"They have more skill and they're a deeper team but we're a harder team to play against," Bylsma said. "We're going to match up and go toe-to-toe with them that way."

The feeling around the pre-tournament favourite Canadians is that even after scoring just 13 goals through four games, more are bound to come if quality opportunities keep piling up.

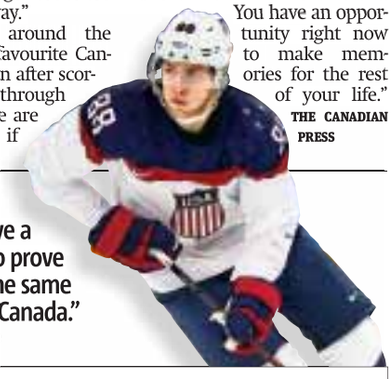
"I think we're going to get more opportunities than we've been getting," said Matt Duchene, who will replace the injured John Tavares in Canada's lineup. "I know it's only a matter of time before the dam bursts and we start scoring a lot of goals."

If Canada scores goals at the pace its players do during an NHL regular season, there's no way the U.S. can keep up. That's one thing the Canadians are hoping for by not playing a European team — that this will be a bit more of a North American-style game.

But, again, this is not Vancouver. The ice is still 15 feet wider at Bolshoy Ice Dome than it was at Rogers Arena four years ago, meaning it cannot possibly be the exact same brand of hockey that produced that legendary gold-medal game. "2010's all over with," Team Canada coach Mike Babcock said. "We're at a new opportunity both for them and for u s . The teams are different. You have an opportunity right now to make memories for the rest of your life." THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. and them

"I think we have a chance to try to prove that we're in the same sentence with Canada."
U.S. forward Patrick Kane



Battle of North America

American depth hard to deny

Offence — No one's filling the net at these Olympics like the Americans, led by five goals from Phil Kessel and three from David Backes. The U.S. can roll three scoring lines deep, wave after wave. Canada, on the other hand, doesn't know where the next one is coming from but Drew Doughty and Shea Weber would be good bets. They have more players capable of making something out of nothing, but the U.S. have had more forwards actually do it. **Edge:** U.S.

Shea Weber
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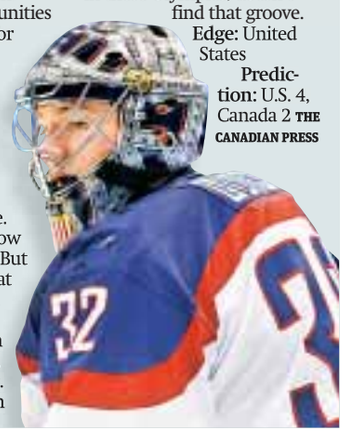
Defence — Even considering the opponents were Norway, Austria, Finland and Latvia, three goals against in four games for Canada is pretty good. Canada has figured out how to manage the big ice, at least in bottling up opponents. The U.S. defence, save for the Russia game, hasn't been tested much. There are more opportunities for mistakes of youth for the Americans. Mike Babcock's defence has been nearly flawless. **Edge:** Canada

Goaltending — Judging from Babcock's comments and actions, this was Carey Price's job to lose. Price did nothing to show he shouldn't be in net. But there's also concern that he hasn't really faced a tough opponent. Price has allowed one goal in each of his three starts, stopping 48 of 51 shots.

U.S. starter Jonathan Quick was clearly Bylsma's choice all along after winning the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP during the Los Angeles Kings' Stanley Cup run in 2012. The Canadians better hope Quick, who has allowed five goals on 77 shots in these Olympics, doesn't find that groove. **Edge:** United States

Prediction: U.S. 4, Canada 2 THE CANADIAN PRESS



Battle of Scandinavia

Team game makes Finns hard to tame

Offence — Finland has scored more goals through four games (18) than Sweden (15), which is impressive considering the Finns are playing without their top four centres in Mikko Koivu, Saku Koivu, Valtteri Filppula and Aleksander Barkov. The ageless Teemu Selanne, pictured, leads the way with four goals. Eleven other players have goals, a testament to Finland's team concept. Sweden, even without Henrik Zetterberg and Henrik Sedin, has more high-end skill. Defenceman Erik Karlsson, like he does with the Senators, is Sweden's leading scorer with seven points. Sweden's offence is scary. **Edge:** Sweden

Erik Karlsson
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Defence — This is one area where the roster on paper is slightly different from results on the ice. Going into Sochi, Sweden's blue-line could stack up against just about anyone's. But Finland has shown to be so structured, it's hard to say they aren't the best defensive team in the Olympics. There's a tendency to pack the middle of the ice but they also have back-end talent in Kimmo Timonen and 19-year-old Olli Maatta. It's almost even, but not quite. **Edge:** Finland

Goaltending — Henrik Lundqvist was incredible in 2006 against Finland in the gold-medal game, making 25 saves including one with 20 seconds left on Olli Jokinen. It was so memorable the first thing the goalie said to the big centre when he came to the Rangers was "Hey, remember that?" But right now Lundqvist is second-best to Tuukka Rask. In beating Russia, Rask benefited from some good defence, but he was brilliant himself. There are holes in Rask's resumé, but he's dialed in and will be tough to beat. **Edge:** Finland

Prediction: Finland 2, Sweden 1 THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jennifer Jones and Kaitlyn Lawes rest their heads on each other as they stand on the podium with Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen (not seen) after defeating Sweden to win the gold medal in the Olympic curling final in Sochi Thursday.

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Stone gold Jones the best in the world

Curling. Undefeated skip's gamble in the 9th vs. Swedes places her among best of all time

As Jennifer Jones crouched in the hack, cleaning the rock in advance of her last throw, she was already cracking a grin.

As the stone made its way down the ice, the smile got even broader. And when the rock reached the other end, the beaming Winnipeg skip was jumping for joy.

Olympic champion. Perfect record. Money in the bank.

Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen defeated Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson 6-3 on Thursday in a tense final decided by Canada's steal of two in the ninth. Only then were the Canadian women able to relax and bring out the smiles that have been their Olympic trademark here.

"We're Olympic gold medallists," said a jubilant Jones, wearing the same gold eye shadow she favoured in Wednesday's semifinal. "It's something that you dream of for your entire life. It's what every athlete wants to do and we did it today.

"And we did it in a way where we played so consistent all week. On the biggest stage for sport, we came out and played our best. And I'm so, so proud of us."

The win at the Ice Cube Curling Center improved Canada's record at the Games to 11-0, matching Canadian skip Kevin Martin's feat of winning the 2010 Olympic crown without a loss.

Jones, 39, has now added Olympic gold to the world championship she won in 2008 as well as four Canadian titles.

It's Canada's second women's curling gold. The late Sandra Schmirler won the first in Nagano, Japan, in 1998.

The performance will trigger debate of where Jones belongs in the women's curling pantheon.

One of the greatest of all time?

"I would completely, 100 per cent agree.... Probably one of the best skips to ever play the game," said the 38-year-old Officer, who has been at Jones' curling side for 20 years.

"Best in the world," added the 25-year-old Lawes. "She's an amazing, amazing talent in our sport. And as a person, she's an amazing human being. I've never met anyone kinder."

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Brits vs. Swiss

Britain's Eve Muirhead, the 2013 world champion, defeated Switzerland's Mirjam Ott 6-5 for the bronze medal earlier Thursday.

Figure skating. Russia's teen phenom outskates veteran field to win gold

Adelina Sotnikova turned her final spin, then burst into tears.

Sotnikova wasn't even Russia's top-ranked teenager in Sochi, but the unheralded skater slayed a field full of veterans Thursday to give Russia its first-ever Olympic gold medal in women's singles.

"This is the happiest day in my life," Sotnikova said. "I simply stepped on the ice today and realized how much I like what I'm doing and skated really good."

The 17-year-old from Moscow, who finished well back in ninth at the world championships last March and arrived in Sochi in the shadow of her adored teammate Julia Lipnitskaia, scored 224.59 points to capture the gold.

Adelina Sotnikova THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Korean star Yuna Kim, the 2010 Olympic champion, scored 219.11 for the silver, while Carolina Kostner of Italy won the bronze with 216.73.

"It's the Olympics," said Sotnikova. "And it was a long way for me. To compete at the Olympic Games, I dreamed of any medal, but frankly speaking, I wanted a gold one."

Kaetlyn Osmond of Marystown, N.L., was the top Canadian in 13th while Gabrielle Daleman of Newmarket, Ont., was 17th.

The Russians won three figure skating gold medals at these Olympics: team, pairs and women's. Canada won three silver — Patrick Chan in men's singles, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir in ice dance, and team.

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MEDALS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot.
United States of America	8	6	11	25
Russian Federation	7	9	7	23
Netherlands	6	7	9	22
Norway	10	4	7	21
Canada	**7**	**9**	**4**	**20**
Germany	8	4	4	16
France	4	4	7	15
Sweden	2	6	4	12
Switzerland	6	3	2	11
Austria	2	6	2	10
Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
Japan	1	4	3	8
Italy	0	2	6	8
Slovenia	2	1	4	7
Belarus	5	0	1	6
People's Republic of China	3	2	1	6
South Korea	2	2	1	5

WHAT CANADA DID

THURSDAY

CURLING

Women's Final - Canada defeated Sweden 6-3 to capture the **gold medal**, its first in women's curling since 1998. The Winnipeg rink, consisting of skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen, became the first women's team to go through the Olympics undefeated.

FIGURE SKATING

Ladies Free Program - Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) received 112.80 points in her free program to finish 13th overall (168.98), while Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) scored 95.83, 17th overall (148.44).

FREESTYLE SKIING

Men's Ski Cross - Brady Leman of Calgary fell in the final and ended up fourth, allowing the three other French finalists to sweep the podium positions. Chris Del Bosco of Montreal and Dave Duncan of London, Ont., were eliminated in the opening round and finished 17th and 26th overall respectively.

Ladies' Ski Halfpipe - Rosalind Groenewoud of Calgary finished 7th overall (74.20 points), while Keltie Hansen of Edmonton failed to qualify for the final and placed 13th overall.

ICE HOCKEY

Women's Final - Canada won its fourth straight Olympic **gold medal** in women's hockey, defeating the United States 3-2 in overtime. Marie-Philip Poulin scored with 55 seconds left in the third period to send it into overtime, and also scored the golden goal on the power play at the 8:10 mark.

CURLING

All Times Eastern
MEN
Wednesday's results
SEMIFINALS
Canada 10 China 6
Britain 6 Sweden 5
Friday's games
BRONZE MEDAL
Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.
GOLD MEDAL
Britain vs. **Canada,** 8:30 a.m.
WOMEN
Wednesday's results
SEMIFINALS
Canada 6 Britain 4
Sweden 7 Switzerland 5
Thursday's results
BRONZE MEDAL
Britain 6 Switzerland 5
GOLD MEDAL
Canada 6 Sweden 3

CANADA 6, SWEDEN 3

Canada	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2—6
Sweden	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0—3

CANADA
Team Shots: 77, **Points:** 253, **Percentage:** 82.
Jennifer Jones, Shots: 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
Kaitlyn Lawes, Shots: 20, **Points:** 54, **Percentage:** 68.
Jill Officer, Shots: 20, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 76.
Dawn McEwen, Shots: 18, **Points:** 71, **Percentage:** 99.
SWEDEN
Team Shots: 77, **Points:** 266, **Percentage:** 86.
Maria Prytz, Shots: 18, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 85.
Christina Bertrup, Shots: 20, **Points:** 63, **Percentage:** 79.
Maria Wennerstroem, Shots: 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
Margaretha Sigfridsson, Shots: 20, **Points:** 75, **Percentage:** 94.

HOCKEY

All times Eastern
MEN
Wednesday's results
QUARTERFINALS
Canada 2 Latvia 1
Sweden 5 Slovenia 0
Finland 3 Russia 1
United States 5 Czech Republic 2
Friday's games
SEMIFINALS
Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.
Canada at United States, 12 p.m.
Saturday's game
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.
Sunday's game
GOLD MEDAL GAME
Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.
WOMEN
Thursday's results
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Switzerland 4 Sweden 3
GOLD MEDAL GAME
Canada 3 United States 2 (OT)

CANADA 3, U.S. 2 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Watchorn Cda (Body Checking Minor) 2:01, Mikkelson Cda (roughing) 6:13, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 8:01, Watchorn Cda (tripping) 14:04, Bellamy U.S. (holding) 15:30.
Second Period
1. United States, Duggan 1 (Lamoureux) 11:57.
Penalties — Stack U.S. (hooking) 7:10, Schleper U.S. (cross-checking) 14:14.
Third Period
2. United States, Carpenter 1 (Knight, Stack) 2:01 (pp).
3. Canada, Jenner 1 (Mikkelson, Larocque) 16:34.
4. Canada, Poulin 1 (Johnston, Irwin) 19:05.
Penalties — Watchorn Cda (tripping) 0:07.
Overtime
5. Canada, Poulin 2 (Fortino) 8:10 (pp).
Penalties — Ward Cda (cross-checking) 6:09, Lamoureux U.S. (slashing) 6:15, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 7:31.
Shots

Canada	9	8	10	4	—31
United States	11	5	8	5	—29

Goal — Canada: Szabados (W); United States: Vetter (L). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Canada: 1-7; United States: 1-5.
Referees — Joy Tottman, **Linesmen** — Ilona Novotna, Zuzana Svobodova.
Attendance — 10,639 at Sochi, Russia.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Even if you are the kind of Aries who loves surprises what happens today won't necessarily meet with your approval, especially if the joke is on you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Patience and a sense of humour are a must today. Something is about to happen that not only takes you by surprise but makes your plans redundant, much to your annoyance.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Disruptions are likely across the board today but chances are you won't be as inconvenienced as some people. The good news is that upheavals tend to create new opportunities, so keep your eyes open.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Whatever activities you had lined up for the next 24 hours you may have to think again because unforeseen events will change everything. You may also have to let go of an idea you were attached to.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will discover something new about a friend or colleague today and although it may shock you a bit you will also be impressed, not least because they managed to keep it a secret so long.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something dramatic will happen today and you won't be that impressed. However, if you keep your wits about you this is one surprise that can be turned in your favour.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be bumpier than usual today but that's okay because you are not the sort to panic. You do like to spend money to make yourself feel better and that may be a mistake.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to confront a fear that has been holding you back and you need to do it now. A little bit of courage will take you a long way.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Either you will change your mind and annoy other people, or they will change their minds and annoy you. Either way tempers are going to be a bit on the short side over the next 24 hours.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't waste your time or your energy on someone who seems determined to get under your skin. Don't let this feud go on or could develop into something quite dangerous. Just walk away.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Just because you see things in a clear and logical way does not mean other people see with the same kind of eyes or understanding. You will encounter someone today who is rather dull-witted.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Most things are going your way right now but Saturn, planet of restriction, is still holding you back from following your dream. Take it as a sign that you're not ready to make that dream a reality.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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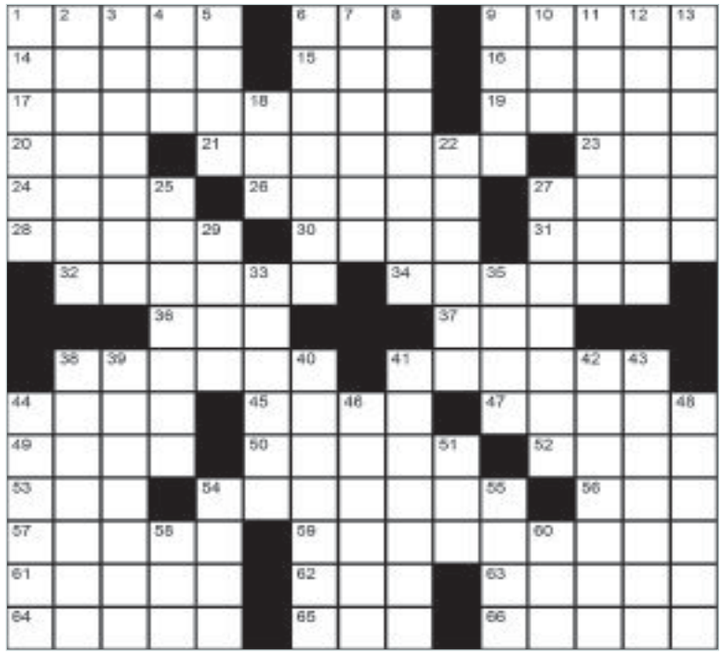
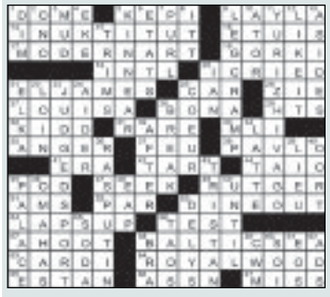


Across
1. Pandemonium
6. Toronto's Union, e.g.
9. SOCHI 2014 - Opening/Closing Ceremonies venue, __ Olympic Stadium
14. Canadian author of the Jalna novel series, Mazo de la __ (b.1879 - d.1961)
15. Record label
16. "...the bombs bursting __...": 2 wds.
17. Montreal borough
19. Joni Mitchell's "_ __ of You"
20. US tax ID
21. SOCHI 2014 - Speed Skating race, Team __
23. Days opp.
24. "So __ __."
26. Soothsayers
27. Rivers: Spanish
28. Lettered gyms
30. Prefix with 'logical'
31. Large lot
32. Pattern
34. Like partially melted snow
36. Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
37. US politics org.
38. Knowing
41. SOCHI 2014 - Podium hauls
44. Shock
45. Karmann __ (Volkswagen of yore)
47. Margarines
49. Ms. Helgenberger
50. French artist Mr. Matisse
52. Led Zeppelin IV, aka what?
53. www address
54. French island where Napoleon was born
56. __ favor (Please, in Spanish)
57. Ambition
59. SOCHI 2014 - Cross-Country race: 2 wds.
61. Soap star Ms. Francis
62. Offs opposites
63. Ms. Clark of country
64. Outer limits
65. Expanse
66. Change hair hue again

Down
1. SOCHI 2014 - Canadian Men's Ice Hockey captain, Sidney __
2. Hugh Laurie series, "__ _._."
3. Behave politely: 2 wds.
4. "__, '_' is then?" ...asked the person who initially thought 'S' was the 18th letter
5. Permeate
6. Administered an oath: 2 wds.
7. Strained
8. Qualities
9. Italian car
10. "Monsters, __." (2001)
11. District of __ (Vancouver Island municipality)
12. Past
13. Braid: French
18. 12th Greek letters
22. Opera, Tristan und __
25. Savouring
27. Hip-Hop group from Vancouver
29. King
33. Enthusiastic: 2 wds.
35. Reverse
38. Headlined
39. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport
40. Lunchbox flask
41. Yahoo! CEO Ms. Mayer
42. SOCHI 2014 - One of the Mascots
43. "My apologies.": 2 wds.
44. Blur
46. So senseless
48. Military foray
51. 'Magnet' suffix
54. Third letters
55. Stars sci.
58. Try
60. Casual top

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	5	4				7	9	
			6	8	5			
		9	5	4	8	6		
2	8						7	5
		6	1	7	2	9		
			9	1	3			
	6	5				3	4	
3								1

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	1	6	4	8	3	9	7	5
7	5	8	6	1	9	3	2	4
4	3	9	5	7	2	1	8	6
9	6	4	3	5	7	2	1	8
8	2	3	1	9	4	5	6	7
5	7	1	8	2	6	4	9	3
1	4	7	9	3	8	6	5	2
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